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Both sides unhappy with Binay plan

Solons give pros, cons for Marcos burial

By Gil Cabacungan

A NUMBER of lawmakers yesterday rejected Vice President Jejomar Binay's compromise formula to give full military honors to the late President Ferdinand Marcos but bury him in his home province, Ilocos Norte.

Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez said that depriving Marcos of his right to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani was unfair. He said the late dictator "deserved such an honor considering his achievements."

Rodriguez said Marcos was not only the country's longest-serving Chief Executive but he was also awarded the Medal of Valor in 1942 as part of the resistance against Japanese forces and he was a former defense minister.

"Those achievements make him qualified to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani and getting full military honors will not suffice. I think the President should allow his burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani," said Rodriguez.

Aside from the legal basis for Marcos' place among those buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Rodriguez noted that public sentiment had turned in favor of granting the former dictator's wish to be buried with honors based on a recent survey.

Rodriguez was among the 219 congressmen, or three-fourths of the House membership, that endorsed House Bill 1135 urging President Aquino to allow the burial of Marcos in the cemetery reserved for the country's heroes.

Up to the President

The House resolution's author, Ilocos Rep. Salvador Escudero III was not happy about the compromise formula of Binay. "But we leave it to President Aquino to decide the matter. If the administration implements the Binay proposal to have Marcos buried in Ilocos Norte with full military honors, so be it. But his family can still push for his burial in five or ten years at the Libingan ng mga Bayani," said Escudero, an agriculture minister during Marcos' 14 years of one-man rule.

Among those who signed in favor of the resolution were Marcos' widow, Ilocos Norte Rep. Imelda Marcos, and her nephew, Leyte Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez; and former President turned Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and her two sons, Camarines Sur Rep. Diosdado Arroyo and Ang Galing Pinoy party-list Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo.

But neither were those opposed to the burial of Marcos at the Libingan ng mga Bayani happy with the Binay recommendation.

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño said Marcos was not even qualified to receive full military honors "since he brought dishonor to the Armed Forces and the nation at large."

"I think it is better for him to be given a quiet and decent burial," said Casiño.

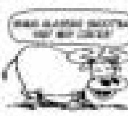
Casiño was one of seven lawmakers who filed House Resolution 1307 stating that Marcos "does not deserve a hero's burial ...for gross crimes against humanity, plunging the nation deeper into debt and foreign control, and plundering the national resources" during his 20-year rule.

Soldiers catch acting bug, play selves on TV

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

IT LOOKS like they found the klieg lights hard to resist.

Combat-toughened soldiers are playing the roles of—what else?—soldiers in a television drama series that has a military theme. And they are liking it.



The soldiers come from the Civil Relations Service and the National Capital Regional Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and they play cameo roles in ABS-CBN's primetime teleserye, "Minsan Lang Kita Iibigin," when they are off duty.

Under its deal with ABS-CBN, the AFP was to only provide technical assistance to the show's creators and writers, like giving them the lowdown on what really transpires in combat situations.

"We're happy because it's a new experience," said Army Capt. Genaro Gabriel of the 7th Civil Relations Group of the AFP-CRS.

The soldiers, however, were not content to be advisers for long.

More than advisers

Gabriel said the soldiers decided to go beyond being advisers and 'become' actors themselves after the movie stars who were supposed to play them were not convincing enough.

"Their bearing was not right. They did not know how to salute, how to carry weapons. They did not look like soldiers at all," said Gabriel, a member of Philippine Military Academy Class of 2004 and who served six years in the field as a company commander in strife-torn Mindanao.

"They would not have portrayed it right. So the troops volunteered to do it to make it look as realistic as possible, so the public will see that our soldiers are snappy," he said.

The series stars Coco Martin who portrays estranged twins. One a young military officer raised by his father and grandfather who were also officers, while the other was raised by his mother among rebels.

After overcoming their initial self-consciousness in front of the cameras, the soldiers playing the role of soldiers began finding the experience enjoyable but "different."

"On TV, it's just acting, there's a 'take two.' But it's not that way for soldiers. When you're hit, you're hit. When you're killed, you're killed. It's different," said M/Sgt. Larry Batalla who is a military adviser during location shootings who talks directly to the directors.

Speaking lines

Batalla has also left his adviser role and essays the role of chief in security to military vice chief of staff Reynaldo Valdez, who, the soldier-advisers have noted, is past the age of retirement for generals, which is 56.

Batalla was also given two speaking lines, including a three- to four-minute on-cam exposure explaining the government's integration program to captured rebels.

Batalla, an Army Scout Ranger who is a veteran of the Mindanao campaign with 20 years in the service, said he was not afraid to face the cameras.

"Facing the cameras is nothing. But when you're facing enemy fire, that's what's scary," he said.

"It's exciting because we can help bring the image of the armed forces to the public," he added.

"There are many things they do not know about the life of a soldier, about insurgency, about peace and order. But as we work together they can be enlightened," Gabriel said.

The soldiers have decided to donate their talent fees to the Balik Eskwela program of the Department of Education.

'P-Noy for moving Bilibid inmates to Iwahig'









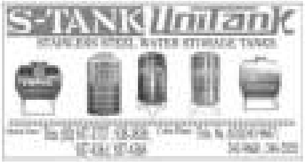


K+12 no answer to education woes, say bishops

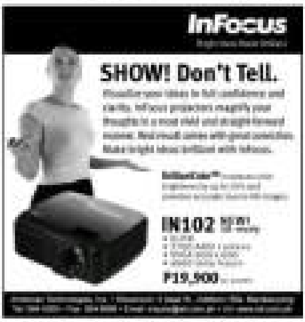






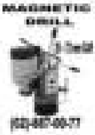









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Not since Marcos

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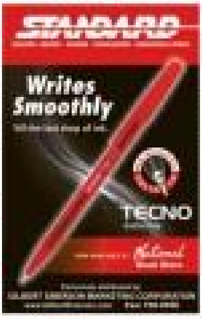
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Ecleo asks court to stop taking his assets



ECLEO

CULT leader and Dinagat Island Rep. Ruben Ecleo has contested the Sandiganbayan order to seize his assets to meet the P2.857-million damages that he and his coaccused were directed to pay following their conviction for graft.

CHR to investigate 'abuses' by mining firms in Surigao

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Start from central office

Luzon students, teachers struggle amid floods

SPECIAL REPORT



1M Eastern Visayas students need 2,000 more classrooms

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Kaibigan Inc.?

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THE RESIGNATION of Jose "Ping" de Jesus as secretary of transportation and communications is unfortunate, not only because of the way it was handled, but also and especially because of what it tells us about the Aquino administration's emerging pattern of governance. [illegible]

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The ABCs of the fish pen, fishpond industries

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Keeping the fires burning

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Repatriate OFWs now

—JOHN LEONARD MONTERONA, regional coordinator, Migrante Middle East

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A deserved tribute to our Dr. Bobby

Non-existent rights, undeserved benefits

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Philippine, Vietnamese leaders hit China over Spratlys



Committed to peace

US-China ties

Rare protest in Hanoi

China blasts Vietnam



Manila's claim in Spratlys within West Philippine Sea

Economic zone

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ELECTION, NOT SELECTION; AUTONOMY, NOT AUTOCRACY!



The ARMM is a legacy of Cory which President Noynoy Aquino must strive to preserve rather than to pervert and distort.

THE PEOPLE AND THE SENATE COMMITTEES HAVE SPOKEN! LET US FOLLOW THE ARMM ORGANIC LAW!

Zambo raids yield 30-40 tons of corals, shells



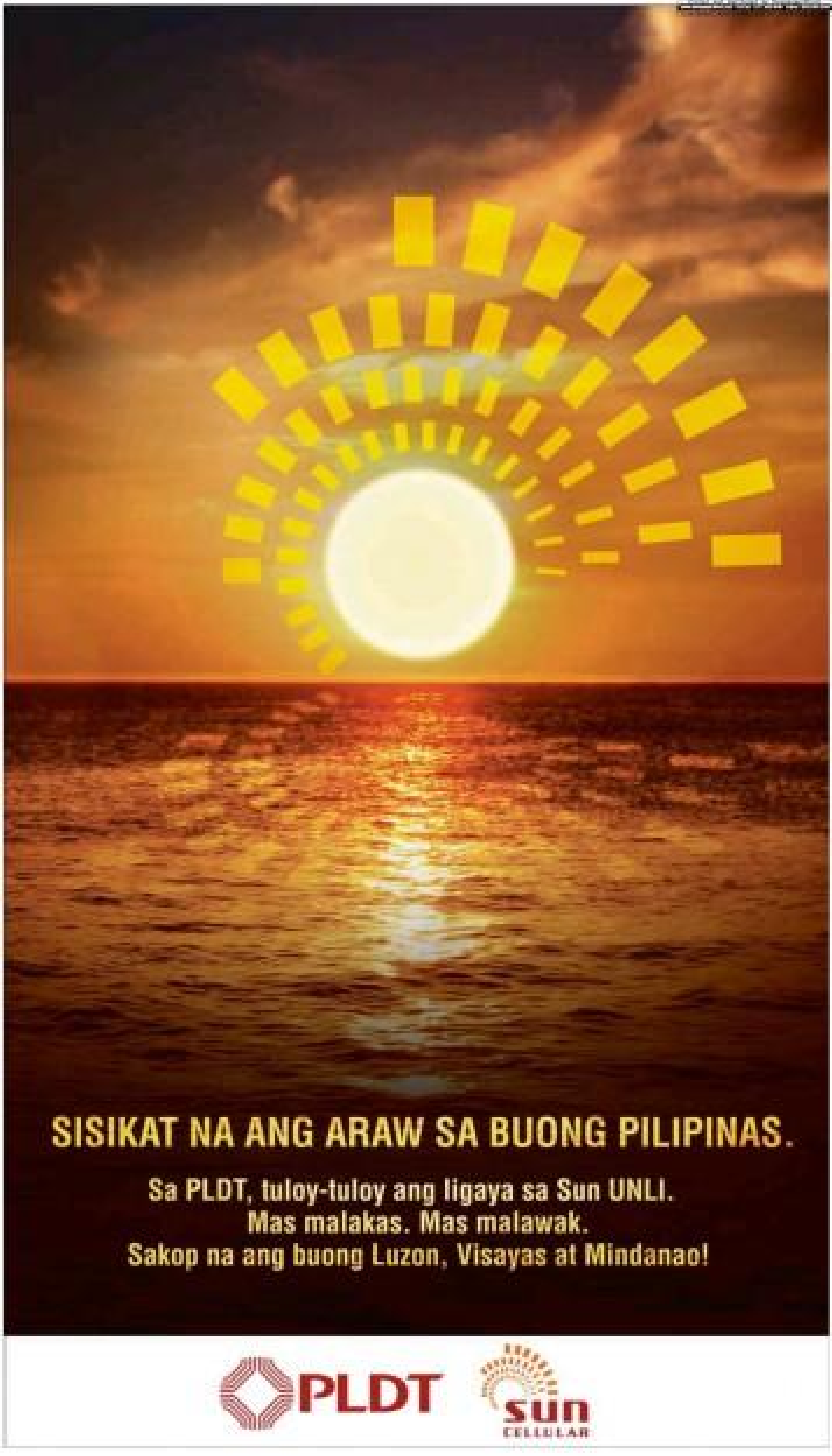
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Fishkill in Taal Lake spreads to Lipa, 2 towns in Batangas


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Police ready for today's school opening

By Nancy Carvajal and Jaymee T. Gamil

"SUBUKAN Nyo Po Kami (Go Ahead, Try Us)."

With this fighting slogan for their quick response text program, policemen in Metro Manila said they are ready for today's start of classes.

Metro Manila police will employ a four-pronged strategy for the back-to-school rush: ensure the general safety of students, maintain peace and order within schools, crime prevention, and campaign against criminal syndicates.

National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) chief Alan Purisima has deployed a total of 2,443 police personnel to secure schools and students in the metropolis.

Purisima said they would also deploy motorized assistance crime operators and police mobile patrol to increase police visibility and deter criminal elements.

Chief Supt. George T. Regis, Quezon City Police District Director, said everything had been prepared and mapped out to ensure the peaceful and orderly opening of classes.

Regis said all policemen who will be deployed for the implementation of "Oplan Balik Eskwela" as classes in state public as well as private schools begin today have been ordered to be in their proper uniforms.

"Policemen were directed to be at their post before the students arrive and they should be in proper uniform," Regis said.

He added that security details and other preparations for the opening of classes would be carried out through the school year.

"Security details were mapped out to ensure a peaceful, safe, orderly and successful opening of classes which is to be maintained and sustained all throughout the school year," Regis said.

He added that all policemen deployed have been instructed to strictly adhere to the rules in

POLICE A16



BACK-TO-SCHOOL RUSH Parents rush to Divisoria to make last-minute purchases of school supplies, uniforms and other school materials in time for today's opening of classes.

MMDA deploys more traffic enforcers

By Pennlope P. Endozo

THE METROPOLITAN Manila Development Authority (MMDA) will deploy more traffic enforcers along major roads near schools to ease the flow of traffic as millions of students troop back to schools starting today.

MMDA Chair Francis Tolentino said the agency's traffic enforcers would be on duty as early as 5:30 a.m. starting today until the next two weeks for the staggered opening of classes on June 6, 13 and 15 among different schools.

Tolentino identified the University Belt in Manila and Katipunan Road and Cubao in Quezon City as major "choke points" where frequent stoppages to drop and fetch students are expected.

"What we ask is for students, parents, commuters and school services to not prolong their stay on the roads. We understand that some parents and yaya have the first day excitement and jitters for their kids, but hopefully they won't contribute to traffic," said Tolentino in his weekly radio program with dzBB.

"If you're not sending your kids to schools, avoid the school zones for a week. Parents should send their children to school early and bus operators should check their number coding," advised Tolentino.

He also warned that vehicles in school zones identified as sidewalk obstructions along 6 national roads would be towed and impounded by MMDA tow trucks or by 12 towing companies accredited by MMDA.

He warned motorists that some unauthorized tow service trucks—popularly described as colorum—might take advantage of the situation for undue profit.

Motorists are required to pay P1,200 for the tow service cost for the first four kilometers and P200 for every succeeding kilometer going to impounding area.

The MMDA chief reminded motorists that only MMDA and its deputized counterparts with their blue tow trucks and their accredited counterparts are allowed to issue the order. The MMDA accreditation number and plate number shall be permanently painted on both sides, front and back bumpers of the tow truck, while an authenticated copy of the valid accreditation certificate issued by the MMDA shall be kept in the towing vehicles and must be presented whenever required.

"We have received reports before that some tow service trucks would even have their own impound areas. If there are no official MMDA tokens issued, chances are the tow truck must be colorum," he said.

As this developed, the

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3 robbery gang members killed in shoot-out



WASTE OF TAX MONEY

Marikina starts microlending program for street vendors

Police ready...

METROBRIEFS

Retired cop shot dead

Drive-by shooting

Car dealer guard killed

Shot dead over side mirror

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Where did the money go?

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No room for pedestrians

Monday morning blues

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India police break up guru's antigraft protest



Al-Qaida leader likely killed by US in Pakistan

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The WORLD

Nato begins helicopter attacks in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya—In a move to intensify pressure on Moammar Gadhafi's forces, Nato introduced attack helicopters into its air campaign against Libyan forces for the first time on Saturday, military officials said.

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Gilas shuns bronze; Lebanon wins gold

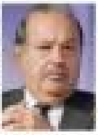
FRUSTRATED IN the semifinals the night before, Smart Gilas Pilipinas simply lost the competitive fire to win a medal.

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Pacquiao offered $65M to fight Alvarez in Mexico

By Gil C. Cabacungan

MEXICAN billionaire Carlos Slim has offered $65 million to Filipino boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao to fight in Mexico next year with one of Mexico's up-and-coming fighters.



SLIM: Billionaire



POSSIBLE FOE: WBC welterweight champion Saul "Canelo" Alvarez

FilOil Hanes Preseason q'final stage under way

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Gilas shuns bronze, bows...



Reality check: UFL side stuns Azkals

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PNSA top post a cinch for Mikee



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Honor in Smart Gilas loss

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A sheikh's passion for basketball

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Sharks, Dolphins crush baseball foes again

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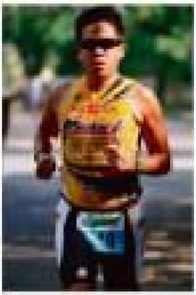
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Li Na creates tennis history



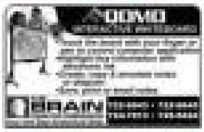
LI NA celebrates a point against Francesca Schiavone in the title match.

Rosales makes ShopRite cut



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BUSINESS



Ongpin bloc forays into banking

Group seeks to gain foothold by acquiring PBCom

By Doris C. Dumlao

A GROUP led by former Trade Minister Roberto V. Ongpin seeks to gain a foothold in the banking business by acquiring a controlling stake in medium-sized lender Philippine Bank of Communications.

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Gov't all set to secure ₱22-B loan from Japan

By Michelle V. Remo

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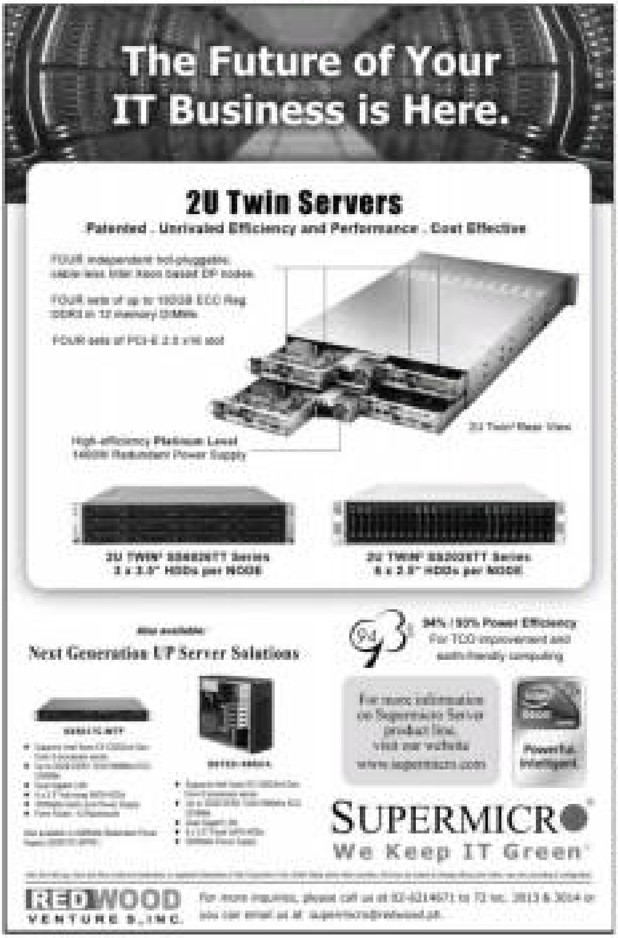
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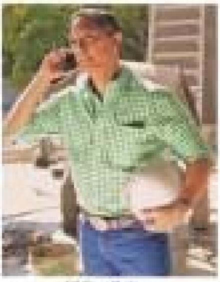
Belgian RE firm ready to construct 10-MW plant for off-grid areas

By Abigail L. Ho

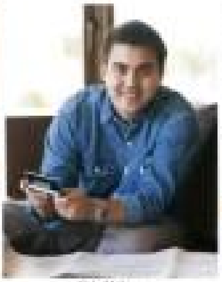
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On top of business

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Gil Cosculluela

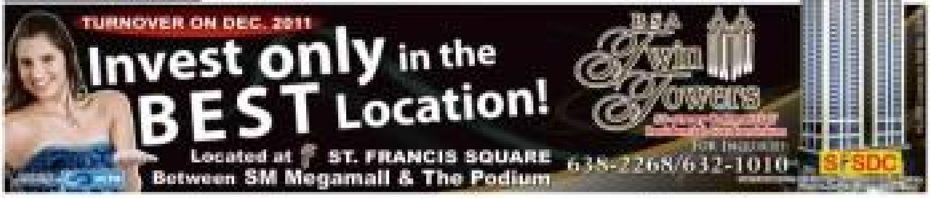


Gelo Mañosa



Kevin Tan

BUSINESS



Business leaders push for more Ro-Ro ports

Huge transport cost savings cited





BDO selling debt notes worth P5B

By Doris C. Dumlao

LOCAL BANKING giant Banco de Oro Unibank will launch today a P5-billion sale of long-term debt instruments to [illegible] its capital and finance business expansion.

In a statement, Tycoon Henry Sy's banking arm announced the sale of unsecured subordinated notes—a type of debt instrument that qualify as tier 2 or supplementary capital.

The bank will publicly offer the notes from June 6 to 17 with issuance set for June 27.

The interest rate will be based on the 10-year PDST-F, a local interest rate benchmark, and will be finalized at the end of the two-week offer period.

The debt sale comes as many banks in the Philippines and abroad seek to increase their capital adequacy ratio to serve any rise in loan demand amid the improving global economy as well as meet, if not surpass, international standards.

BDO earlier obtained authority from banking regulators to issue over P15 billion in debt notes qualifying as tier 2 or supplementary capital over a one-year period as part of its expansion plan.

BDO will be among the first local banks to sell tier 2 notes this year after the window to tap this instrument was reopened early this year with the issuance of a new framework for capital-raising by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

The planned notes will mature in 10 years and three months, but the bank will have the option to call or redeem the notes after five years from issue date.

The notes will pay quarterly interest and will be tax exempt for individual investors if held for more than five years.

Deutsche Bank AG and HSBC are joint lead arrangers. The two foreign banks also act as selling agents, along with Multinational Investment Bancorporation. BDO, BDO Private Bank and BDO Capital will serve as limited selling agents.

As of March 31, BDO's capital stood at 14 percent of its risk assets while the unconsolidated return on average common equity settled at 11.4 percent. The capital adequacy ratio level is higher than the 10-percent minimum ratio required by the BSP.

BDO is the country's largest bank in terms of assets, now worth more than P1 trillion.

It is currently working on the acquisition of Export and Industry Bank.

The bank posted an unaudited net profit of P2.44 billion in the first quarter of 2011, up by 38 percent from a year ago.

Business ...

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in Luzon with goods that cannot be transported over land due to high spoilage risks.

Salceda, an adviser to President Benigno S. Aquino III, said the Bicol region alone needs about 15 more roadships for the ports that would interconnect the region to the other 7,100 islands, including in Samar, Albay, Marinduque, Catanduanes, Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, and Ticao Island. Masbate [illegible] been [illegible] for [illegible] under [illegible] the ports project funded by official development assistance (ODA) from the Finnish government.

He said the installation of the said steel roadside ports in the 15 areas "is enough for the [illegible] to spur tourism investments and create livelihood opportunities."

"After careful evaluation of the project, including the viability of the private partners, I vouch that the said project is sound and has no adverse complex [illegible] work on the viability of the project, consistent to the thrusts of the government," Salceda said.

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2. The PSALM Corporation now invites bids for the Supply of Stevedoring and Brokerage Services for Coal Shipments at Naga Power Plant Complex, Naga City, Cebu [illegible]
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Listed companies post 22% growth in profit

PSEi firms outperformed market in 2010

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Robinsons Bank eyes commercial banking status

Vista going into high-rise development

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BREAKTIME



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Citi Savings venturing into credit card business

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DOE prepares to award 70 contracts, revoke 53

Renewable deals up for grabs mainly for hydro

Auto firms set to resume full operations



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Auto firms set to resume full operations

From page B?

Association of Southeast Asian Nations, in ... the Philippines.

Citing a survey conducted by the Japan External Trade Organization around two weeks after the disaster, Fujii said 80-90 percent of Japanese firms operating here said they were "very much affected" by the crisis.

The rest, however, said the earthquake hardly had an impact on their business.

At this point, Fujii said it was difficult to quantify by how much the affected firms had already recovered. Another survey on the effects of the disaster could be conducted during the latter part of the year to determine this.

Meanwhile, he is ... that Japanese firms affected by the crisis were not really looking for new locations for their businesses, opting instead to just rebuild in Japan.

PHILEX MINING CORPORATION

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

Please be informed that the regular **Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of PHILEX MINING CORPORATION** will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Ayala Center, Makati City (the "Annual Shareholders Meeting"). The order of business thereat will be as follows:

1. Proof of required notice of the meeting
2. Proof of the presence of a quorum
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous stockholders' meetings and action thereon
4. Reading of annual reports and action thereon
5. Approval of the proposed new stock option plan
6. Amendment of Article Seventh of the Articles of Incorporation
7. Ratification and approval of the acts of the Board of Directors and executive officers during the year 2010
8. Appointment of independent auditors
9. Appointment of election inspectors to serve until the close of the next annual meeting
10. Election of directors
11. Other matters

For the purpose of the meeting, only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 18, 2011 will be entitled to vote thereat. Please bring some form of identification, such as passport, driver's license, or company I.D. in order to facilitate registration, which will start at 12:30 p.m.

Any stockholder who cannot attend the meeting in person and desires to be represented thereat is requested to date and sign the proxy enclosed herewith and mail it back using the return envelope. The proxy should be mailed in time so as to be received by the Corporate Secretary on or before June 20, 2011, which is the deadline for submission of proxies.

Minutes of the last stockholders meetings and resolutions of the Board of Directors will be available for examination during office hours at the office of the Corporate Secretary.

Proxy validation will commence on June 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Fidelity Stock Transfer, Inc. at the Ground Floor, Philex Building, 27 Brixton Street, Pasig City.

BARBARA ANNE C. M?ALLOS
Corporate Secretary

BUSINESS

Bidders for LRT-MRT station sought

'Last priority' audit rules of BIR tightened

Voluntary tax compliance pushed

BSP supports move to amend rural bank law



BUSINESS



Coconut oil exports recovery seen in H2

Strong demand, high prices to benefit industry

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Tanco group eyes university

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Nickel Asia sees growth in 2011

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InfoTech



PHILIPS' in-ear headphones



THE SOUND quality of more affordable Philips earphones is at par with costlier products, according to a company executive.

Geared for one's ears

By Floresa S. Santiaga

NOTHING CAN stop Filipinos' long and intimate affair with music.

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Telcos unveil improved broadband sticks

By Paolo C. Montecillo

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AOC Razor 51

AOC Razor monitor simply stands out with cutting-edge design

By Eugene Araneta

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AOC Razor 51

Tablet turns into a netbook

By Raquel P. Gomez

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ASUS Eee Pad Transformer

Globe pioneers launch of video message service in the Philippines

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BUSINESS Monday

Manila Water's HR task has just begun





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Getting PH image on the right track

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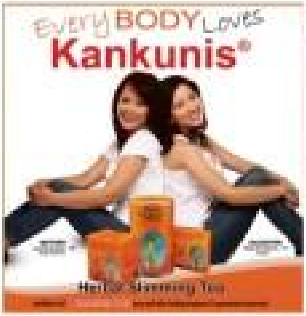
Passion for the theater



Zeneida Amador and Baby Barredo rallied us behind a vision.









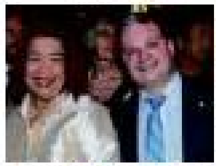


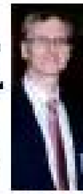
Lithuania Day kicks off Philippine monodrama fest





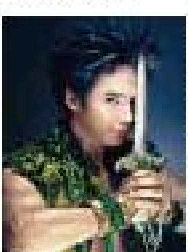








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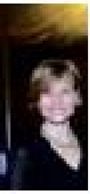
Ballet school holds dance concert at Resorts World

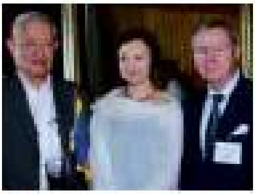




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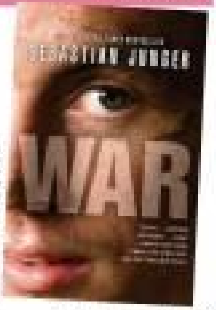


'I felt I was letting them down when I told them I couldn't understand Tagalog,' said one Fil-Am paralegal, who had to use a translator when she interviewed domestic workers

Not easy to learn

Sebastian Junger's state of 'War'

The 'Perfect Storm' author puts his own life on the line to report what it's really like to be a soldier on the front line



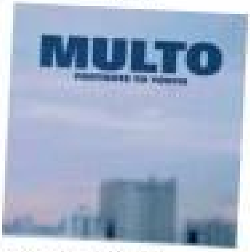


Historian by day, musician by night

Aside from writing a PhD dissertation on the history of Philippine money, Allan Lumba, aka 'Multo,' has an album of upbeat indietronica



ALLAN Lumba



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Well-crafted

Jovial experience

Is it okay to lose your language?...

Learning the culture

Bartering for gold . . .

TABOAN 2011

Bartering for gold and tales in Davao

By Shirley O. Lua

IN THE CLASSIC tales told by Scheherazade, the cities of Basrah and Baghdad are not merely the hub of commercial enterprise but also of literary endeavor.

Alternative role

Remarkable marketing

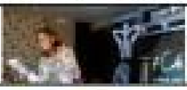


PEDIGREE gives dog owners 5 big reasons to smile.
Filipinos are known for treating their pets as family. In parks, malls, and even parties, you can see people and their dogs walking side by side – sometimes the canines are even dressed up like people. Even the food given to them are anything but ordinary. Often they eat what the family eats or are served specially-prepared meals. The question is: How does one know if their pets are in the pink of health?
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Gus Albor's 'Earth' at Mag:net



FOR GUS Albor, abstraction can convey the nuanced passage of time and space—movements imprinted on the surface of the planet. These qualities of natural forms are captured in "Earth," his exhibit of recent works in acrylic on canvas in Mag:net Katipunan.

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Young artists at Ricco Renzo

THE EXHIBIT "Transcendence" gathers 10 young and up-and-coming artists.

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"UNTITLED," by [illegible]

The Fastest 4G broadband Wows Bloggers

Smart Evolution takes the surfing experience to the next level



Imagine viewing a streaming video of the NBA finals live – without buffering. Or think of videoconferencing that doesn't suffer from lag. What about playing DOTA AllStars online where all the action happens in real time, not seconds after you've clicked. Now imagine the surprise of four bloggers when they saw this for themselves.

As summer rolled in around April, Smart Communications Inc introduced the fastest 4G network to hundreds enjoying the hot sun, white sands and blue waters of Boracay. Dubbed the Smart Evolution, the LTE (Long Term Evolution) network wowed many with speeds exceeding 50Mbps, peaking at 75Mbps. Everyone was amazed.

Recently, Smart invited four more bloggers to experience LTE first hand, for the very first time. They've all heard of LTE as a technology that delivers data at scorching rates. They know that LTE is an entirely new technology and not a mere upgrade of any existing system, hence an evolution. But now, a weekend in Boracay would make it tangible and real. The promise of taking the user experience to the next level was finally within grasp.

Here's what they had to say.

"I got spoiled. And I never wanted to leave again. I could load any Facebook page and YouTube video instantly. I could open any site within a second. So I got more time to socialize and hit the beach. Fast internet to get some work done quickly then hit the beach when you're done! Sounds like heaven on earth to me," Dodge Ronquillo of Unbox.ph and NewMedia.com.ph said on his blog.



The bloggers discussing their SMART Evolution experience.

Dodge Ronquillo checking out SMART Evolution on his laptop.



For Hannah Villasis of FlairCandy.com, she ran out of new videos to stream online. "I was testing the SMART LTE dongle indoors and it only gave me 25 Mbps. But I was already WOW-ed by the super fast streaming speed as I was watching HD videos over the internet. It didn't take us quite a while to test the broadband because everything happened so fast, I was running out of videos to watch," she wrote.



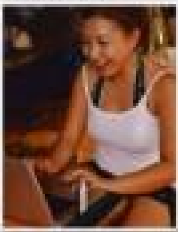
Ferdinand Decena enjoying the Paraw sailing.



Ferdinand, Patricia and Dodge showing off the SMART Evolution dongle.

Dodge compared the usual internet speed that he is used to back in Manila and LTE's speed. "The average internet speed in the metro is 1 Mbps, 2 Mbps if you're lucky. SMART Evolution's speed went as high as 45 Mbps during our test when directly connected to the source, and as low as 14 Mbps when we were using the LTE dongle at a place with 30% signal strength!"

Sportscaster Patricia Bermudez-Hizon, who watched a documentary on Vimeo in full HD, tweeted that "with the speed of SMART LTE, it's like watching on TV! Zero buffering! It's so fast! It's really awesome!"



Hannah Villasis testing the SMART Evolution dongle on the beach.

IronWulf.net's Ferdinand Decena relates that he never surfed on his laptop with as much speed. "I usually have different tabs open while loading regular pages. With LTE speed, I found the pages almost fully loaded already before I could open a new tab. Now this is a cure for my surfing ADHD," he blogged.

Still not convinced? How about this: "Let's put it this way, I played a 1 hour and 35 minute 1080p HP YouTube video on full screen. It only buffered for three seconds and I never had to pause it but the buffer just kept on growing and growing, until I didn't have time to finish the video because we had to go," Dodge said.

But their time on the island was not only spent online on laptops. Bloggers also enjoyed the fun activities that the island could offer like Paraw Sailing and its usual servings of great all-night partying.

It was an extraordinary weekend for everyone. And on this island that inspires memorable summer moments, another adds to the list of unforgettable events – the Smart Evolution experience.

According to SMART Chief Wireless Advisor Orlando B. Vea, SMART Evolution will be reaching other cities and provinces in the country where the demand for fast data is high. "It represents a revolution in technology that bears the consumers in mind and the ways to help them live their lives extraordinarily well," he added.

Check out our bloggers' websites: Patricia Bermudez-Hizon (www.patriciahizon.com); Ferdinand Decena (www.ironwulf.com); Dodge Ronquillo (www.nedmedia.com.ph and www.unbox.ph) and Hannah Villasis (www.flaircandy.com).

Four bloggers with one extraordinary experience made possible by SMART Evolution, the fastest internet connection in the country. Only from SMART as it makes Filipinos lives extraordinary.



Patricia Bermudez-Hizon live blogging from the beach.

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Theater vs TV acting: A stage actor's view

The 1st IUAP Festival-Conference-Workshop will honor 16 living treasures of Philippine theater

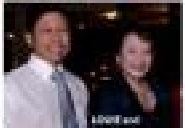
Friends of the arts line up activities for the year





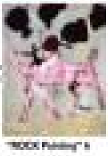




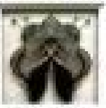


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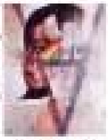
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Two group shows at West










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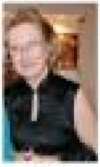

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SEVERINE and Edouard Mielko, New Zealand Ambassador Andrew Matheson and Madame Sue Carlson


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Wine, cheese, music, la dolce vita —Manila celebrates Italian National Day


FELIX and Grace Ang and Swiss Ambassador Ivo Sieber


MADAME Loretta Manalastas


AMBASSADOR Virgil Reyes, Tita Pelagalli, Betsy Westendorp

By Margie C. Enriquez
Contributor

THE SPIRIT of [illegible] and la dolce vita filled the air during the recent celebration of Italian National Day at Greenbelt.

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Not to be outdone

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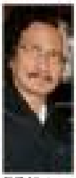

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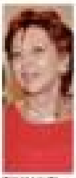

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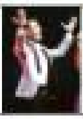

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To divorce or not to divorce–the stars weigh in Dollywood /H1

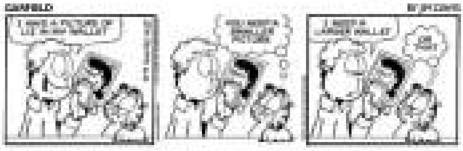


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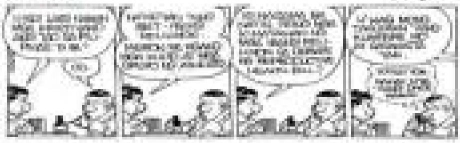
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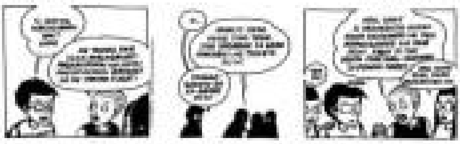


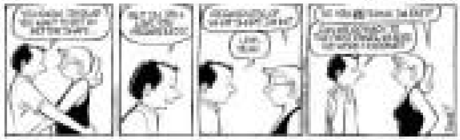




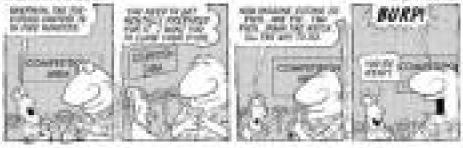


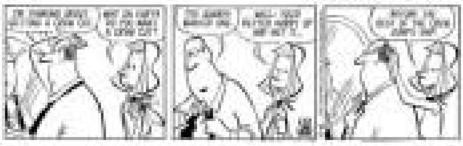












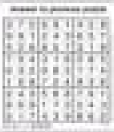


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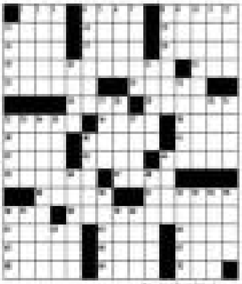
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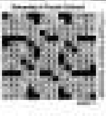
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE





Shorts star some of our best actors

[illegible] —the threat of violence and the promise of health in our future.

"We had total creative freedom," Reyes says, recalling that "laughter and tears" greeted the films when the anthology was screened for Smart officials and employees recently. "There are drama, romantic comedy, musical, fantasy, suspense, adventure, mockumentary, even a Shakespearean parody."

Smart has teamed up with Star Cinema to release the shorts, which will premiere at SM Megamall on June 10. Each short will also serve as curtain raiser when Star Cinema's "Forever and a Day," starring KC Concepcion and Sam Milby opens in cinemas on June 15.

To mark Smart's 100 years and as a special Independence Day treat, the shorts will be shown for free at selected SM Cinemas nationwide (Megamall, Southmall, Manila, Davao, Cebu) on June 11 and 12. A TV airing is in the works.

The shorts series features the country's top actors from rival stations ABS-CBN and GMA 7: John Lloyd Cruz, Solenn Heussaff, Dagmar Domingo, Marvin Agustin, Eddie Garcia, Dominic Roco, Dennis Padilla, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], and Gloria Romero.

When sports . . .

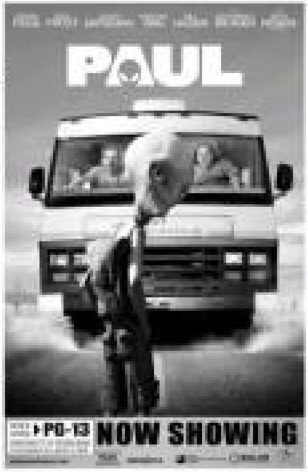
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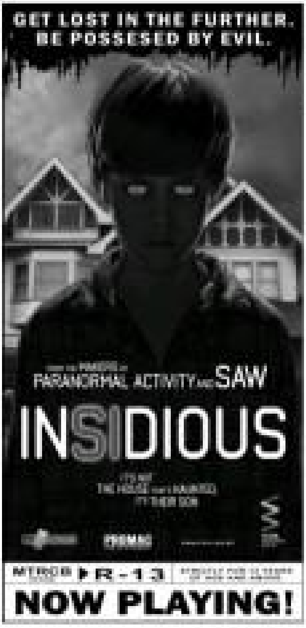




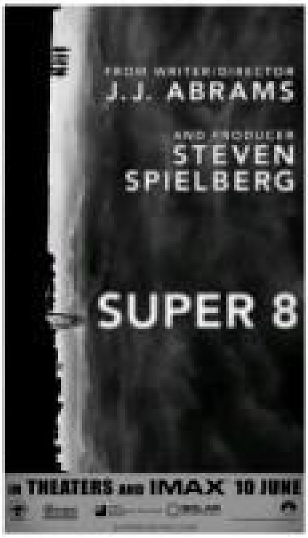
















CIRQUE Du Soleil's "Varekai" show will unfold in one of these tents June 22-July 24 at Rizal Park's Quirino Grandstand.

Grand Chapiteau, a village on wheels

CIRCUS acts and travel entertainment are about to unfold in the heart of Manila via Cirque Du Soleil's "Varekai." [illegible]

When sports, show biz stardom collide

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

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Angel's turn?

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ENTERTAINMENT



To divorce or not – the stars weigh in



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Dolly Anne Carvajal











Hello, Miley!

'Big Style' issue



How to personalize . . .

Asian stops

Meeting the cast





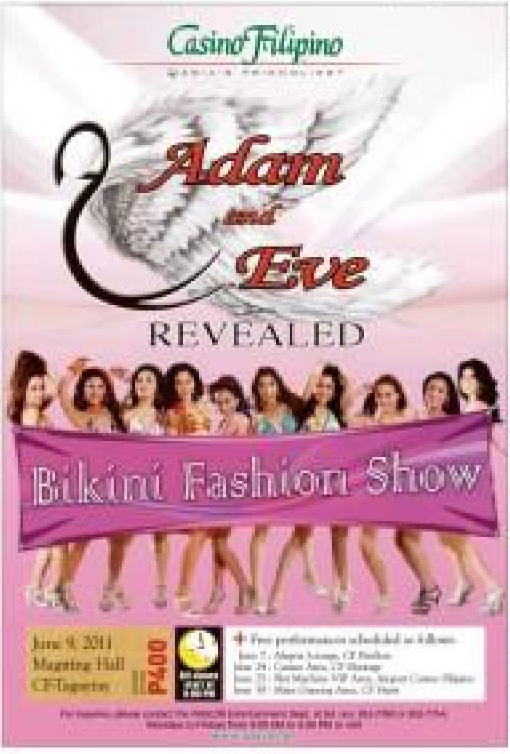








How to personalize the music of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber





Back to School essentials

Have an eye for 'healthy' bags

How the T-Pencil came to be

EVERY DAY, YOU use a pencil. You scribble, draw, and write with it at home and in school. But did you know that a long and careful process is needed to create that simple yet powerful writing tool? [illegible]

How pencils are made

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Famous pencil users

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Interesting pencil trivia

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The Philippines has its very own locally made pencil called the T-Pencil, [illegible]

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Have an eye for 'healthy' bags

LAST YEAR, a bill was filed in the Congress seeking to limit the amount of bags carried by children in school. The bill's proponents, including erstwhile actor and Senator Lito Lapid, stated in their bill medical studies citing dangers to health posed by heavy school bags.





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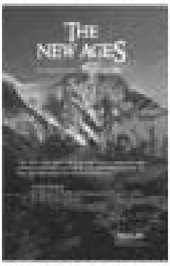


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Safety net that is education

TIMES ARE a-changing, but if there's one thing that hasn't, it is the importance that Filipinos have put on the value of education. For millions of families in the country, having a member of the family get a college degree makes a world of a difference.

For them, education is their safety net—the thing that they can fall back on and help them bounce back from whatever hardship life offers.

John Andrew Hernandez, who graduated summa cum laude from the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman this year, is one of the people who put utmost importance to education. He believes that anybody can achieve anything so long as they put their mind to it.

A graduate of Computer Science, Hernandez now works as a product developer in a software company.

But it wasn't always a rosy story. With a father as a jeepney driver and a mother who is a housewife, his family sometimes had a hard time making ends meet. At one point, he wasn't even sure if he'd make it to college.

Fortunately for Hernandez, he was able to get an SM Scholarship, which covered his tuition for the whole duration of his college life at UP. Aside from that, he received a P5,000 allowance monthly that helped him get through his education.



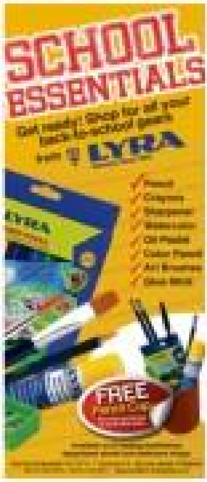
SM Foundation Inc. offers you the opportunity to be a college scholar and have a better future.

The second of four children, Hernandez is thankful to the SM Foundation, which was a significant player in his journey to getting the highest honor in education. He said he was thankful to Henry "Tatang" Sy for "opening doors" to him.

While he doesn't work at an SM company (the foundation does not require this), he did get to work in one during one summer break when he was still in college. Someday, he dreams of being able to build a house for his family (who now rents a house in Mandaluyong).

Hernandez was only one of the 125 graduates this year who received a scholarship under the SM Foundation. The foundation has been sending deserving students to college for 15 years. It supports some 600 college students a year. Earlier last month, the 125 graduates gathered at the SMX Convention Center so they could personally give their thanks to the SM patriarch.

Summa graduates (there were two among the 125) received P10,000 worth of gift certificates; magna cum laude received P7,500 worth of GCs, cum laude received P5,000 and those with academic distinction got P3,000 worth of GCs. Each graduate also received a specially designed wrist watch with their names on it. *Kenneth M. del Rosario*





A Legacy of Excellence With Mongol

For over a hundred years, the Mongol brand of pencils has proven itself to be one of the most reliable educational instruments in the world. From the hills of Germany to the shores of the US and even the steppes of Kazakhstan, students and professionals alike have praised Mongol for its durability, versatility and consistency, making Mongol the perfect implement to turn thoughts and ideas into reality.

Mongol Pencils' prestige extends even into the Far East, particularly in the Philippines, a country where "Mongols" rule. Their popularity owes greatly to the fact that Mongol has accompanied Filipinos from nursery to graduation for generations and never scrimping on quality despite the rush of years. A lengthy success though can also be a drawback, with people thinking that the Mongol brand would just keep to the same "pencil" formula. That belief has changed with the introduction of Mongol Crayons.

"Mongol is a dynamic brand," says Jeremy Tan, Senior Marketing Manager of the Star Paper Corporation the exclusive distributor of Mongol Pencils and Newell Rubbermaid products in the Philippines. "It changes with the needs and mood of the Philippine market."

"But the one thing we will never change is the high quality our customers have come to expect."

And high quality is what people will get with Mongol Crayons as each pack offers the best color mixing experience, longer lasting crayon sticks and smooth color applications. This makes it ideal for children who want to add color to their dreams and imagination.

"Mongol has a tradition of using its products to bring the best out of kids," said Nica De Belen, a Marketing Executive with Star Paper. "Mongol Crayons continues that tradition at the youngest of ages."

With a reputation this illustrious, it's no surprise that many people would like to be part of the Mongol Crayons. Gymboree Play & Music, a global leader in pre-school learning. They have chosen Mongol Crayons to be their official crayon in the Philippines. Kris Aquino's youngest, Baby James, lets his likeness become the face of Mongol Crayons. National Bookstore has also partnered with Mongol, offering specially marked Mongol Crayon boxes at selected outlets that entitle purchasers to a 75% discount on Gymboree Art Classes*, redeemable at any Gymboree branch.

Through constant innovation like Mongol Crayons and an adherence to superior craftsmanship, Mongol preserves its legacy of excellence, letting it thrive among a new generation of Mongol fans.

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